

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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DOING THINGS RIGHT

Our Practices are Already Having an Effect Upon the World.

IT IS GREAT TO FOLLOW HIS STEPS

I would rather be right than to own the universe. And in order to be right I have to be right in God's sight. I am not allowed to make my own pattern to follow. The Lord has made the "blue print" and for me to be right I have to follow that "blue print"—the Bible.

I have read of a people that were advised by high authority not to do just what they considered was right in their own eyes. "Ye shall not do * * * every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes." (Deut. 12:8) But in the face of this advice, and contrary to the instructions given by Moses, the servant of God, they finally got to doing that very thing. It is written of them, "In those days there was no king in Israel; but every man did that which was right in his own eyes." (Judges 17:6.)

The writer of this history seems to lament because there was no leader—no one of authority. There was no law, no government, no system, nothing to hold any one in check. The people did as they pleased and no one had any right to say yes or no. Each man was a law unto himself.

This condition was far from what had been hitherto. Under Moses the laws were rigidly enforced. Under Joshua they had rule and men of authority. But this had all ceased. The people were free to act according to their own judgment. Of course this would be all right so long as each person knew what was right and then put it into practice. But there was the trouble. And the demoralization that followed was proof enough that such looseness was not effectual for good. There was no improvement in morals or religion.

This same practice has been tried in more recent years. It has been as much a failure in our day as it was in earlier years. The only way to do things right is to do them according to the "blue print"—according to the rule marked out by those in authority. And the Bible is our guide and we are doing out very best to follow it.

For years we have been searching the Bible with a view to putting it into practice as fast as we learned it. This is what led us into feet washing, tithing, paying, divine healing and everything else we are practicing. We are continually trying to humble ourselves before God in order that He may reveal more truth to us that we have not yet put into practice. We love to put into practice the things we learn and we love to learn things that we may put them into practice.

We do not claim to have learned it all, but what we have learned is worth much to us. And our practices are already having an effect upon the world probably more than we have hitherto realized. We are receiving many letters of inquiry from outsiders, both Christians and sinners. We always do our best to treat them with courtesy. A few have written with a deceptive spirit, seeking for advantage. We have almost invariably caught up with them sooner or later, but never sought for revenge. We always knew the Lord would attend to them. But most of our inquirers are honest and sincere. One of this class came quite recently with some questions about tithes, their use, and where they should be placed.

This gentleman was a sinner, according to his own statement, but he seemed anxious to get right, and do right. I answered him and told him the truth as discovered by men of God and

adopted by the Assembly, but I was very careful to tell him that he was under no obligation to follow our practices since he was not a member. This gentleman's reply is very interesting and I wish here to pass it on to others. I will not give his name since I have not obtained his permission; but I do not believe he will object to the use of a portion of his letter, which is as follows:

"Dear Brother Tomlinson: Your letter of April the 15th in answer to the questions I asked you in regard to tithes came to my hand a few days ago, and I thank you very much for the information.

"Yes, Brother Tomlinson, I know that is true, I am at liberty to follow Jesus or not follow Him. It depends entirely whether I want to follow Him or not if salvation ever fills my heart, and the blood of Jesus makes me free from all sin. And as to the doctrine the Church of God is following, I know it is according to the Book, the Word of God and His Son Jesus Christ, because the signs are following those who are living up to the doctrine. And Jesus said they would follow them that believe.

"These signs do not follow the denominational churches, and this is proof enough to me that they do not believe, and do not believe the blessed words of Jesus Himself. They do not believe that the blessed unseen power can be applied to the soul today. It is no wonder these signs do not follow them. And I now want to say that the church that God has blessed in giving the signs and power to heal is the church that my soul is hungering for. And if the Assembly decided and approved of tithing in this way, then it certainly must be the best and right way or the Lord would not have approved of it. And the Holy Ghost would not have led men to act upon such an important question as this in any other way but the right way. The men of the Assembly being full of the Holy Ghost are the men that decide on these things. May the Lord bless these dear men. So it is not a question as to what I think is best, because the Holy Ghost has not yet come in; and therefore I might think and also decide on the wrong way. This is why all people are commanded to listen to and be obedient to those who have the rule over us, that is, in the Church. And they are directed by the Holy Ghost—this is my understanding.

"Of course I am not a member yet, but I would love to be. And when I am fully converted and have the blessings applied to my heart, then I will be a member of the dear Church of God, because I know God has set His approval upon it. I can never hope to be joined to the body if I choose my own way, and not follow the rules of the Assembly whether I am a member or not."

Truly this brother believes in doing things right. And this is evidence that our practices are already having an effect upon the world. Many similar instances have been noted. And the great influence is growing. Many outsiders know that the only Bible place to pay their tithes is in the Church of God. And like this brother they come to the Church of God to find the signs following. They do not find the signs all following among people that do what they think is right in their own eyes. These signs belong to His Church, and it is His Church that

has the finest and best government of any institution in the world. His Church, yes His Church! We are doing things right and the people follow us as we follow the Bible. O, it is great to follow His steps.

Paul exhorted the people in his day to follow him as he followed Christ. And people are following us as we follow the Bible in many instances whether we exhort them to do so or not.

At all times in our deliberations we have tried to be very careful to make right decisions. Subjects have been looked at from every angle. Opposition has been a great help to us in bringing out the very best. On many occasions we have been willing to withdraw and let the subject drift or be settled according to a more popular sentiment, but after another diligent search through the Scriptures on that particular subject we often found to do so would be contrary to the plain Bible teaching, so, then, we would spur ourselves up and come again.

This has been true with the subjects of baptism, feet-washing, the Lord's supper, tithing, Sunday-school work, the place women should occupy in the church and church work, the divorce and remarriage question, the Church itself and almost all other questions that have arisen in the last fifteen or twenty years. The only thing we wanted was the assurance that we were doing things right.

While on this particular subject I will mention the more complete organization of the Church. When we were approaching the tithing system as it is now practiced we saw it, but when opposition arose we drew back thinking perhaps we were mistaken in our understanding of the Scriptures. But finally, almost unconsciously, with the tithing system came the reporting system that we are now practicing. The two systems combined into one great system has almost revolutionized the Church in its business relations. Many who opposed this system at first are now enthusiastic in its practice. It has been the means of binding and compacting us all together in a way that it seems the Church is almost impregnable. We don't seem to fear any foe no matter from whence he comes whether from inside or outside. The Absaloms and Adonijahs have both taken their turns in trying to overthrow the government and shift it from its status quo, but both have been a failure. God's way still prevails. The attacks from the outside have been equally unsuccessful. All have failed and the Church moves on with unabated increase and interest.

We are now getting headquarters in such close touch with almost all the churches and ministers that we can communicate with each of them by wire in only a few minutes. And if it should become necessary we can flash any message to all of them in a very short period of time—just as fast as we can pass from one to another. We believe God is stirring us up about this matter for a special purpose. We are securing the names of both the telephone and telegraph offices of each church. We feel this is very important. We know there is "something in the wind," and we must be fully prepared. It is important for every church and minister to keep in close touch with headquarters.

Quite recently a government officer from Washington called here to secure some special information. He told me that Washington had sent him here. It was a matter of importance. He said if I could not give him the necessary information he was at an end. It took only about ten minutes to supply him with the information he needed, and thus he was sent on his way to another state, when

without the information he was able to get here he would have been compelled to return to Washington with his mission a failure.

Now, beloved, this is worth something. And organization and system is what has accomplished this. The United States government is beginning to find out that we are doing things right. Many are finding out the same. And our practices are already having an effect upon the world more than many have ever expected. It means something for Washington to send a special representative to this office to obtain information, and it also means something for us to be able to furnish the required information. And this could not have been given without our careful organization.

While we are doing things right as far as we have gone, we are fully convinced that we have not gone quite far enough yet. But we are on the way to perfection, and we are sure God is leading the way. He will lead us on to perfection if we will go, and of course we will go, for we are full of the spirit of progression. And we are doing things right as we go. There is one thing, however, that has a tendency to impede the progress. We are anxious for this to be entirely removed. It is not a spirit of rebellion, but rather a spirit of negligence. A few of the ministers are not as prompt in attending to their duties as perhaps they could be. And some of the churches are not as prompt in meeting the requirements of the Assembly as others. If some can do it why not all?

Many of the local churches are carefully and beautifully organized. They have closely followed the instructions of the Assembly and have the entire membership arranged in bands with leaders. The leaders call their hands together in class-meetings very frequently. They are able to keep trace of every member in this way without advertising through the Evangel for lost members. If some of the churches can organize in this way with such success, why cannot all do it with equal success? And why should they not do it since this organization is authorized by the Assembly?

There may be better and more important reasons for this careful and minute organization than some of us may know of, but the spirit of the Assembly is always looking ahead. The first thing is to follow the Bible, but since the last days have crept upon us there is liable to be special need for this close fellowship and careful organization almost any minute. It may become necessary to have some information imparted to every member in a day. With the system in perfect working order the information can be flashed over the wires to every church, then in only a few minutes the clerk or treasurer (and I am more fully convinced that one person should act for both offices) can inform the leaders of each band, and in a few more minutes these leaders can find every member. And whether there is a call for special prayer about something of great importance, or whether something of a serious nature or of vast importance on any line is about to occur, the whole church—every member—can be called into action, or given warning concerning some imminent peril in a very short time.

Some may think these suggestions are farfetched and out of place, but please remember that we are in the last days, and all who are Bible readers know about the perilous times that we are already entering into. You can't tell what is coming next, neither can you tell how nor when. The only safe thing I see is to be ready, and now is the time to make preparations.

Beloved, I feel this thing and I don't want us to be unprepared and suffer loss in any way because of negligence or stupidity.

GOOD NEWS TO TELL

General Information That All Are Interested in.

The Apartment Houses Again And Other Things Too

It is always good news to hear of people getting saved from their sins, sanctified wholly, and the sick healed. Well, there is some of this work going on constantly. All the criticisms and reproaches that confront us do not stop the good work. It still moves on with unabated interest. In fact, it seems that the interest and enthusiasm is constantly increasing.

The debt on the Evangel Building is gradually decreasing. The drop last week, however, was very small—only \$35.99. But this reduces the debt to \$708.20. This is a very small amount now, but it needs to be paid as much as if it were a thousand or more.

Remember our next prayer day on Sunday, May 16. We want to have one more united prayer for God to give us the means to pay off this debt. We hope to have at least 15,000 voices praying one united prayer at exactly 12 M. on Sunday, May 16. I am sure he will hear these prayers and grant our requests as we say, "Lord, please give us \$708.20. This is but little for Thee to give and we need it very, very much. It is for Thy work. It is to pay for a shelter for Thy own messenger—the Church of God Evangel. The machinery has to have shelter, the workers have to be sheltered for they have to work day and night, and when it rains as well as when the sun shines and when it is cold as well as when it is warm. Please, Father, give us the money to pay off the balance of the debt.

Of course we thank Thee Father for the way Thou hast helped us, we appreciate every cent and every dollar that has been given by those whom Thou hast touched and persuaded to send, but now we want the balance. It is not much but somebody is bearing the burden and this burden ought to be taken from those who are bearing it. Thank Thee, Father, I believe Thou wilt do it. Amen."

After more than fifteen thousand people have prayed this prayer we may look out for a mighty shaking and handling of

Better be prepared for the worst that could come and then nothing happen, than for something to come suddenly and find us with no preparations made.

We have been doing things right so far and we must keep up the same progressive spirit. There is much land ahead yet to be possessed in order to be fully prepared for the coming events. And all of this preparation calls for a closer fellowship, pooling of interests, and the very best organization.

My soul is almost bursting with the spirit of preparation, the love of God, the love for the Church and the love for every member. Oh, that all will take heed to this message and burn it into your hearts so that not one will pull back or discourage preparation, better organization, more complete system and general progression. I hope you will feel what I feel now heaving in my bosom.

Come, my dearly beloved, let us nestle closer together, get into deeper spirituality, and make the very best preparations possible for coming events. Put away every vestige of unbelief, division, spirit of carelessness, neglect, envy and pride. Live sober, keep in the love of God, obey Jesus in all things, and watch for His return to earth. Be full of energy, full of the Spirit, full of enthusiasm, and let the world know that we are doing things right.

money. Surely it will be something like the united prayer of the company that prayed when Peter and John came to them and told them of the trouble that had come upon them and the threats that were made. They prayed till the place was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and doubtless they all talked in tongues and glorified God. The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul. And this is what we want to be all the time and so much the more after our great prayer day for God to give us the help we need to cast the mountain into the sea that we have been heaving at for the past six months. We want it to go this time. I know we want it to go! We want it to go, so we can give our attention more fully to the erection of the Auditorium and Orphanage.

The work on the Auditorium is moving on nicely, but we believe it will move on much faster and better when we have been relieved of the debt on the Evangel building. We have already paid out on the Auditorium for material and labor \$2 \$14.04, and before this message reaches those who are anxiously waiting for it we will have paid out more than a thousand more.

We are now giving some general information that all are greatly interested in. We are trying to keep you informed of the progress we are making and what the money is going for that you are sending in. You can see very well how careful we are in keeping our books when we can report to the very cent the amount paid out. We can also give the amount to the penny that we have received, and no doubt many of you would like to know. All right I'll tell you. I have the figures right here before me tonight as I write. The statement was laid on my desk today by our book keeper. Here is the total amount paid in for the Auditorium up to date, \$3,670.41. We have a balance on hands of only \$856.37 to pay these big bills that are coming due in two or three days. But thank God, we have no fears. We have faith in a mighty God. He will not let us go to the wall when we are doing His work for Him and have no selfish motive in it, but all the time have His glory in view.

In a previous issue of the Evangel we called attention to the necessity of providing quarters for our people when they come to the Assembly and suggested the building of apartment houses. We asked for the sentiment of the people for such a project. We wanted to know if such a move would be favored by our people. I have received some very encouraging word about it, and so far nothing against it. The following words from one brother in Ohio expresses the sentiment of all that have responded up to the present time:

"Dear Brother Tomlinson: I notice in the Evangel that you contemplate building an apartment building. I think that a wise plan. I heartily endorse it and will help some on it. I am talking to the brethren about it. All to whom I have talked about it will give. Praise God, we are moving up a little bit, bless God! We take courage and press on to higher ground. Glory to God in the highest! You will hear from us again soon, praise God forever! I do want to do more for the dear Church of God. I love it with all my heart. I am so glad that I have found a

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We invite all the workers to send in reports of interest from the battle field. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Song Ballads, "Will the circle be unbroken?" Price 10c per Doz.

The next great day for Sunday schools to observe is Children's day. This falls on June 6 this year.

During the month of April we received 3,120 letters. This is an average of 104 a day. It is a pleasure to us to serve our friends. We want them all to feel free to write us about anything of importance.

We have another supply of Sister S. J. Heath's songs, "Shine, O let it shine," and "Heaven's Bells are ringing." These songs are on sheets with the music and sold rapidly before at 10c each and postage as long as we had any of them. When the supply exhausted we had to send the money back for a good many orders. The great demand for these songs proves that they are very popular. We offer them now at the same price as long as this supply lasts. If you want them you should get your order in at once.

We have a new edition of "Book of Instructions on the Entire Bible" by M. S. Lemons. It is revised and enlarged and sells for 25c post paid. The first edition was sold in only a few weeks with almost no advertising. This edition is worth as much to the Bible student as the other one. We have only a limited number so you should order at once.

The demand for Sunday-school literature has been greater this quarter than ever before. Our stock of Adult and Home Class Quarterlies, and also the large picture rolls have long ago exhausted. We have plenty of Juniors, lessons leaves and picture cards, but they are going rapidly. We expect to increase our supply for next quarter so we will be ready to supply the demand.

The paper is late again this week due to the strikes and labor troubles which make it impossible to move freight except in limited amounts. The large paper dealers can't get the paper from the mills fast enough to supply their customers. But we are all doing the best we can.

It is a source of great delight to know that so many thousands of people love the Church of God so good. It is truly wonderful how God is knitting our hearts together in one strong body that is certainly becoming invincible. The thing is coming

to pass as spoken by Isa. "Thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes. The blessed Holy Ghost is blessedly revealing the Lord's Church to many people in many places, and they are coming to her as fast as they get the light. Hallelujah!

We can furnish you with Bibles, Bible-cases, Ladies' Handbags; Jesus Only, Sunday-school, and Church of God buttons.

Do not compromise and lower the standard in any of the Bible doctrine. Remember the other tongues always accompany the baptism of the Holy Ghost. No one is baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire without the other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

We can't have meetings without singing, and we can't sing much without song books. We have the best song books we know of and we are selling them by the hundreds. "His Voice in Song" and "Jehovah's Praise." Both books sell at 35c each and \$3.50 per dozen. These are cash prices, post paid.

We have left a few of the last Assembly Minutes. Hundreds have been sold, but we are sure many more of our own people should have a copy. It would be good to circulate them among those who are friendly to the Church and are looking this way. Ministers should keep a supply on hand to sell in their revivals. Price 25c each and \$2.50 per doz.

Requests

Beulah Jaslm, Dillworth, Ala., requests prayer that her husband will be healed of bright's disease and that the Lord will give him salvation. She also desires prayer that she may live true and humble before the Lord.

Mrs. Lida Stines, of Somerset, Ky., desires the prayers of the saints that her body may be healed of erysipelas.

Mrs. Katie Free, Reid, Miss., wants all the saints to pray that she may be healed of indigestion. Also pray that a Church of God meeting will be held at this place.

L. D. Frost of Ivanhoe, Va., asks the saints to pray that he may be healed of nervous and stomach trouble, also that his right arm and hand may be healed.

S. A. Mann, Whittier, Cal., requests the saints to pray that God will remove all doubts and that he may be free.

Mrs. Estell Parker has once had a bright experience but has been overcome. She requests the saints to earnestly pray that she and her husband may get back to the Lord.

Mrs. Nannie Talbert of Blount Springs, Ala., has suffered very much for some time. She desires the saints to pray that she may be healed. Also pray that the Lord will open a way for her to work for the Lord, and pray for her unsaved husband.

E. F. Guthrie of Bogue, N. C., asks all the saints to pray that he will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Georgiana Mills, Ironton, Ohio, asks prayer for her unsaved children, and that she may live humble.

Mrs. T. B. Braden sees others who are living a bright happy life and she wishes to have the same experience. She requests prayer for herself, father and mother.

Mrs. Emma. Bruster, Tellico Plains, Tenn., desires special prayer that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy

Ghost.

Mrs. Iva Adams asks the prayers of all the saints that her hearing may be restored. Also pray that her brother may be saved.

Inez Harvey, Knoxville, Tenn., wants the readers to please pray earnestly that the Lord will give her the Holy Ghost.

Celia Pippin desires prayer that she may be a soul winner for Jesus. She would like for a Church of God preacher to come to her home place.

Mrs. Ed Burrell wants you to pray that a preacher may come to her home, and that her children may be saved.

M. L. Lord of Sandersville, Ga., is very hungry for the Holy Ghost and requests prayer.

M. L. Sanders of Lutz, Fla., requests the earnest prayers of God's people that every condition may be met so he and his wife may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Nannie Keathly of Sparta, Tenn., R. 6, requests prayer that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Girtie Bishop requests all the saints to pray that God will heal her husband of rheumatism, and that he may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

S. M. Prince, Cleveland, Tenn., wants the saints everywhere to pray a special prayer for him that he may be better satisfied about his baptism. He spoke in tongues over a year ago and has not spoken since. It makes him doubt his baptism. His desire is to do the Lord's will in everything. Also pray for his family that they may be true to the Lord.

Laura Howerton, Colmar, Ky., asks the saints to pray that she may receive the Holy Ghost, also that she may live closer to Jesus and do His will.

H. A. Stanley, Shenandoah, Va., requests special prayer for Sister Victoria Hannon, who is very ill with consumption.

Hattie Wright of East Chattanooga, Tenn., wants all the saints to pray that her husband, mother, father, sister and brother may receive the blessed light from heaven to shine down on them as it has on her.

Mrs. L. Rasmussen of Burnsville, Ala., requests prayer of the saints that she may be healed of rheumatism and other troubles.

H. W. Hall, Cold Springs, Okla., asks all to pray that he and his wife may receive the Holy Ghost. He also wants prayer for his baby's healing.

Mrs. A. Herndon, Talking Rock, Ga., wants the church of God people to pray earnestly that she may be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, also that she may be healed of heart trouble.

Mrs. T. W. Tatom, Richey, Miss., wants the saints to pray that her husband may be saved before this year ends, and that the Holy Ghost will speak through her again, also pray that she may be led into the church. She also requests prayer for Sister Mable Major, that she may be healed and that her husband may be saved.

Emma Thompson, Sweetwater, Tenn., wants all the saints to pray that she will receive the Holy Ghost. She wants some Church of God preacher to come and preach the Word.

W. M. Burnell, Sunburst, N. C., asks the saints to pray a special prayer for his baby's healing.

Mrs. M. E. Dalton, Point, Texas, requests prayer of the saints, that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy

Ghost. Also please pray for the healing of her baby.

Gussie Booth, 5502 - Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., would like to hear from some one who knows the address of Brother A. C. Barter's family.

W. A. Wells, Creston, Tenn., requests prayer of the saints and members of the Church of God for Hubert Wells, who has tuberculosis. We know there is no remedy except the higher powers.

Mrs. Laura Jones of Newburn, Tenn., wants the saints to pray for the healing of her body. She has asthma and kidney trouble. Also pray that God will pour out His Spirit on her afresh.

Mrs. Lillian Eskee, Point, Texas, requests the saints to pray earnestly that she may be healed of a breaking out on her hands caused by poison oak.

Notices

The Church of God at Eldorado, Ill., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Bertha Crawford, Elney Reeder, Charlie Crow, Lula Coleman, Macie McIntosh, Nellie Irvin, Dailey Rainey, Ella Lynch, Martin Adams, Dane Gaylard, Eva Vanmeter, Estelle McDowell, Annie Hatfield, Ida Abestian, Anna Tripps, Vicie Crow, Mary Miller, Clifton Legate, Ethel Legate and Lucille Hatley. The above named parties should write the clerk or pastor a letter.

C. D. Hudgins, clerk.
T. S. Payne, pastor.

R. W. Jones, Crockett, Texas, wants to know the whereabouts of Brother Wilson who left there the first of January.

J. H. Belcher, Lane, Okla., wants a Church of God brother to come to their place and preach the full gospel. We will see that he is cared for. Write for further information.

The members of the Church of God at Abbeville, Ga., are requested to meet in a church conference, June 8, 1920. Each member is earnestly requested to be present or write a letter as to their spiritual standing and loyalty to the Church of God.

E. M. Barnett, pastor,
Fitzgerald, Ga.

A revival will begin at Tellico Plains, Tenn., Hillview church, the second Sunday in May. If any preachers or workers can attend, it would be appreciated very much.

Your brother,
W. M. Coleman.

The church at Perry, Fla., wants to know the post office address and the spiritual condition of the following members: Mrs. Amy Vinson and Mrs. Laura Woods.

W. A. Sullivan, pastor.

The church at Toonigh, Ga., is going to have an all day meeting on the third Sunday in May. The Lord's supper and feet washing will be observed at night, also conference.

Brother Holt requests all his churches to be represented so come one and all, and enjoy a feast with us.

Ed Johnson, pastor.
Charles Holt, district pastor of Atlanta, Ga.

The saints of God from the Bahamas who come to Florida to work and do not move their membership, should send their titles back to the church where their membership is. The titles should be sent to the storehouse where their membership is and where their name is on the church book. Members cannot be received into another church without a transfer from the church where their membership is.

Milton Padgett, overseer of the Bahamas.

The work in Alabama is progressing nicely. The Church of God ministers who are full of holy zeal and power are invited to help us when you are passing through our state. Any thing that will help the good work along will be appre-

ciated. In many places in the state people ask for Brother D. R. Holcomb. The people at Dorra would be glad to see him.
Z. D. Simpson, overseer.

Brother J. B. Cagle has been very unfortunate lately. He awoke in the night some time ago to find his home in flames. His family had a narrow escape for their lives. In the excitement and trying to rescue his babies, he fell down some stairs. He was shaken very badly and fainted on the street. He was hurried to the hospital and when he came to himself, he was in terrible misery. He says he can't live long without the help and he requests prayers of the saints.

His address is
J. B. Cagle,
East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Wanted—A good second hand 40 ft. round tent. Will pay cash. If you have one for sale write me.

John Delong,
Laray Sub-Station, Gastonia, N. C.

Obituaries

Asleep in Jesus

Evangelist A. C. Borter fell asleep in Jesus at Roanoke, Va., on Feb. 8, 1920.

J. H. McClarrison died at Lagrange, Ga., April 20, 1920. He left a testimony that he was "all right with the Lord." Brother Hunsford conducted the funeral service.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry, April 3, 1920, and took their little son Roman, age five days which seemed dearer than life to them. The Lord knew best. The funeral service was conducted by R. L. Duke, and the remains were laid to rest in the Rosedale cemetery to await the resurrection.

A friend,
Minnie Duke.

The death angel visited the home of Roscoe and Golda Newton and took their baby girl, little Wilma, on April 8, 1920, age 1 year, 9 months and 4 days. Her parents trusted God to the end. God knew best and we must be submissive to His will. Yet it is hard to give her up. She leaves a father, mother, grandfather and grandmother, several aunts and uncles, other relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

Funeral service was conducted by the pastor, T. S. Payne, at the Church of God, Eldorado, Ill.

Her aunt,
Ruby Newton.

Gone but not Forgotten
On April 10, 1920, the death angel visited the home of I. M. Thornhill and took away his darling child, little Oscar J., after much suffering.

We can't understand why the Lord takes little children but He knows best and doeth all things well. Weep not, father and mother, little Oscar J. is at rest with Jesus, awaiting the resurrection.

Dear sweet baby, we loved thee well,
But Jesus loved you best;
We know you're safe in the arms of Jesus,
In that sweet land of rest.

His aunt,
Bettie Thornhill,
Morgantown, Miss.

Mrs. Bettie Briscoe near Scooby, Miss., went to heaven to be with Jesus, Mar. 16, 1920.

She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Tilghman Chapel. She will be greatly missed by many. Her loved ones have our heart felt sympathy.

Last May Sisters Briscoe, Mims and Tilghman were shouting and praising God together and they are all in heaven now. When Sister Mims started to leave for Valley Hill, Miss., she told the other sisters if they got to heaven before she did to tell the Lord she was coming too. Before two weeks she departed this life. Sisters Briscoe and Tilghman have also gone with the chosen few, to forever be with Jesus.

Many times Sister Briscoe asked the saints to pray for her

children and since her death her son wrote to the saints requesting prayer.

It is sad to give our loved one up, but our loss is heaven's gain.

One who loved her,
Mrs. Virgie Kerr.

Mrs. Lillie Tilghman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Musselwhite was born May 28, 1869, and departed this life March 25, 1920.

Her life was a life of sorrow and acquainted with grief. Her father was called away when small and her mother was called home when she was thirteen years of age. She lived among different people of different denominations, having a hard road until she was united in holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. J. B. Tilghman, at the age of 20. To this union were born thirteen children, three being taken while small. In later years her companion was taken.

During his illness, while she was praying for him, she heard a voice saying, "His soul shall be washed pure and white in the blood of the Lamb."

One night not long after her companion departed, when she was praying to God she was wonderfully sanctified. (She had never heard holiness preached.) In 1909 she received the Holy Ghost which Jesus called the Comforter, John 14: 16.

One night she saw an angel preach the everlasting gospel in a vision and in a week five of her children received the Holy Ghost. All of her children, ten in number, have the Holy Ghost now.

She fasted two or three days a week and went far and near to pray for the sick. Many cases which doctors had given up were healed and even sinners said it was God. She did not take any medicine for eight years. She told rich and poor, black and white about Jesus and how wonderful He was to her. This country has lost a missionary and no one can take her place.

The people in Miss., Ark., and Tenn., may remember how many times I have told you about that wonderful mother of mine. When I was in school at Cleveland, Tenn., she wrote for me and about seven weeks after I came home she was called away.

About a week before she died she gave me instructions concerning her death. Although she was in good health she said she felt the chilly hand of death. Not long before she died we prayed with her. The Lord blessed us and she spoke in tongues. She then called for the Bible and read part of 3 John: 1. She soon took her flight to her future home. We know the life we shall have to live if we meet her, and we are looking forward to the day when we can live with her again where we shall part no more.

She leaves ten children, ten grandchildren, two brothers and one sister to live a life so we can meet her in glory.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Joe Mullen and messages of love were given by J. L. Thornhill and others who knew her.

Her daughter who dearly loved her,

Cora Tilghman.

Foreign Mission Receipts

Church, Guntion Park, Va.,	\$1 50
" Whittier, N. C.,	50
Nettie Jones, Ravensford, N. C.,	1 00
Church, McMinnville, Tenn.,	1 49
Neva Wills, Richmond Dale, Va.,	6 00
B. S. Taylor, Bogue, N. C.,	5 90
George Perpak, Bessemer, Mich.,	5 00
Mary Zeliska, Bessemer, Mich.,	2 00
Goldie Banks, Morrilton, Ark.,	50
Church, Alabama St., Atlanta, Ga.,	7 41
Orissa E. Seals, Pikeville, Tenn.,	6 73

Home Mission Receipts

Church, Jacksonville, Fla.,	1 00
" Logan, W. Va.,	5 00
" Bassenger, Fla.,	3 26
Sunday School, Sunny Side, Cleveland, Tenn.,	1 60
Church, Avon Park, Fla.,	2 20
" Kinser's Tabernacle, Tenn.,	1 40
" Morristown Tenn.,	5 50
Sunday School, Louisville, Ky.,	5 00
Church, Gastonia, N. C.,	1 00
" Pates Temple, Miss.,	1 10
W. M. Cox, Woodstock, Ga.,	3 50

ANOTHER CHARACTER- ISTIC OF SATAN — A LIAR (Demonology)

F. J. Lee

Continued from last week.

One of the commandments is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness." One of the abominations in the sight of God is, "a false witness that speaketh lies." Prov. 6:19. John, the revelator, says, "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Rev. 21:8.

The Psalmist David says the Lord "shalt destroy them that speak leasing (lies)." Ps. 5:6. Again the wise man says, "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are his delight." Prov. 12:22.

From the above we can see something of the terrible condition of one classed as a liar. I believe there are what we sometimes term professional liars. There are thousands of men who seemingly would rather tell a falsehood any time than to tell the truth. David said, "For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue." Ps. 5:9.

It seems as though a lying spirit gets a hold on some folks. They will lie and seemingly cannot avoid it.

There is a narrative concerning king Ahab. He was about to enter into war with the king of Syria. He was anxious to know how it would be with him in the battle so he called his four hundred prophets and inquired of them, but lying spirits had entered into those prophets so they could not but prophesy good for Ahab. A true prophet was called and although Ahab hated him he was anxious to hear what Micaiah would prophesy concerning him. The prophecy was against him so he had the true prophet placed in prison. The lying prophets failed; Ahab was slain according to Micaiah's prophecy.

We can see from the above that lying spirits will actually go into men causing them to tell and act out a false. Lying is destructive. "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor." Prov. 11:9.

"A lying tongue nateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin." Prov. 26:28. A lie means a criminal falsehood; an intentional violation of the truth. Webster.

Jesus said He came to be witness of the truth. Pilate said unto Him, "What is truth?" John 18:38. Truth is an attribute of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We attribute nothing to God that hath any repugnancy or contradiction in it. Tillotson.

God created the universe and pronounced it good. He placed our fore parents in the garden and gave them certain laws stating that if they should break them, they should die. Satan came along contradicting and said, "Ye shall not surely die;" thus crossing the truth. God had said it, it could not be otherwise. GOD CANNOT LIE. Truth is an attribute of God, therefore the decree had to come to pass, but here we learn of the first lie and it came through Satan.

The next instance of falsehood was when the Lord enquired of Cain where his brother was. Cain said, "I know not; am I my brother's keeper?" Satan had put it into his heart to lie. John said he was of that wicked one; of course he had to do like the wicked one.

Satan filled Ananias heart to lie to the Holy Ghost about the price of the land. Satan was the liar, man the instrument.

Jesus said to a class of Jews, "Ye do that which ye have seen with your father." * * * Ye are of your father the devil * * * he abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:38-41.

I do not say that every untruth is a lie. This may seem strange, but notice the above Scripture. Satan is a liar and the father of it. He is the father of every lie, but not every untruth. I might make a state-

ment and make it sincerely as being the truth, not knowing the facts in the case, but really thought I did, yet you knew the statement was untrue. In this case Satan could not have been the father of this statement, yet it was untrue.

A lie, as before stated, is a criminal falsehood and an intentional violation of truth. In this instance Satan is the father of it. Falsehood perhaps is causing more suffering than anything else. It was a falsehood that caused our fore parents to fall and bring sorrow upon the race. Falsehood has caused much bloodshed, sorrows, aching hearts and disappointments. Falsehood is keeping tens of thousands out of the blessing of holiness. Many are hiding under the refuge of lies piled up against the holiness movement by Satan, to keep people from going on in the truth. He began piling up falsehood against the truth in the garden of Eden, and he has kept it up every since. But the Lord says He will sweep away the refuge of lies, Isa. 28:17, having reference to the judgment at the tribulation period when men will learn that they are insecure under the refuge of false reports. I say refuge of false reports because false reports have kept them from going to a mountain top experience, the place of safety during the great tribulation. Like Lot they have rather insisted on staying at the foot of the mountain at little Zoar, but the angel of the Lord is whispering to every man, "Go to the mountain top of holiness." Give no heed unto Satan.

Let me insist with Christ's own words that Satan is a liar and the father of it. Therefore hear Jesus.

(To be continued)

Good News To Tell (Continued from page one)

church that I believe is teaching and practicing the dear old Bible as Jesus taught it, and as I believe it. Glory!!

Well, this is fine. And no doubt there are thousands that are almost ready to express themselves in a similar manner. I feel very sure the apartment house plan is the most satisfactory and will give the greatest comfort in the most economic manner to the most people. And these apartments can be used for dormitories and boarding places for the Bible school students through the school months. Doubtless those who furnish the money for the apartments will have friends who will want to attend the Bible School, and they will take pleasure in helping the students in this way to go through school.

We will be pleased to hear from others on this subject. I am looking for some one to send about two or three hundred dollars earnest money to pay for a room or a suit of rooms for himself and family. Truly I am looking for big things. Who would not look for big things when we know we have found the greatest institution in the world! God is surely expecting great things of us, and we are also expecting great things of Him.

Quite a number are responding to the request for loans to aid us in the expense of building. Some are loaning for six months and some for a year or more. This is very helpful, and we hope many more will respond to the call. Most of those who have loaned their money do not want any interest, but we offer the same interest the banks pay on time deposits.

Some have accepted the savings department proposition and are putting in \$5.00 a week. In this department we accept any amount from \$1.00 up; and any time those interested have any to lay away to save, it is acceptable. Remember that all of this money is working for the Church of God while it remains in this department and you can draw it out any time you need it by giving ten or fifteen days notice.

When people loan their money to this department they receive a certificate and they can withdraw their money any time they present this certificate properly endorsed. This is purely an honest business proposition to get ready money to hasten on the

construction work on the Auditorium and Orphanage. We would much rather borrow money in this way than to borrow from the banks, and we believe our people would much rather loan the money to this department to be used for the Church of God than to keep it in banks.

If any one wants more information about the work of this Exchange and Indemnity, loan and savings department, we will take pleasure in sending free the little booklet containing information. If you are interested drop us a postal card and tell us what you want and you will meet with a quick response.

We are workers together in all of this work and we are doing our best to serve the Church and obey the orders of the Assembly. We have only about six months to make preparations for the next Assembly and I'm sure we all have one common interest so that no one wants us to be hindered for want of money to pay the bills.

Now, if any of you have any amount of money, small or large, I kindly ask you to let us have it and this loan department will take care of you. Of course gifts and donations are needed, but these are not coming in fast enough, and this is the reason we are calling on you for loans.

If any body has any property they wish to dispose of and put any or all of the proceeds into the work we will take pleasure in assisting in making sales if our assistance is needed. Or if they want to make any exchanges or sales and purchases the exchange department will gladly lend its assistance in the popular per cent plan.

After you have read all the above and given the different items of interest due consideration let us hear from you about any part in which you may be interested. Ask for further information, tell what you want, or do what you have decided to do. You will meet with a quick response. May God bless every one of you.

Winterhaven, Fla.

Dear Evangel Family—Greeting:

I have just been reading the Evangel. I get so hungry to read the good testimonies and how God is blessing His people.

I love the Church of God but I do not have a chance to attend services. I don't receive blessings as I did when I first received the Holy Ghost but I know this is the right way and the Church of God is brighter than any other church.

Since God baptized me with the Holy Ghost I have had a desire to go out in the work for Him. Some times the desire and the power of the Spirit were so strong and so urgent that I could hardly stay but I have held back on account of my husband not having the Holy Ghost.

Please pray that he will receive the Holy Ghost, that I will receive the power I once had, and that my two little boys will be healed of a bad cough.

May God bless Brother Tomlinson and all the dear saints.
Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. J. R. King.

York, S. C.

To all the Dear Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Precious Name:

I want to testify through the little White-winged Messenger which brings so much joy to me. Glory to God! It is real food to my soul.

How glad I am to know that I am in the highway of holiness. God wonderfully saved, sanctified me through the precious blood and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 during a wonderful meeting held by W. A. Walker and J. C. Underwood about four years ago.

I am still enjoying this blessing. Every day seems to draw my soul nearer home.

There are a few saints here that I am most interested in and I want all saints of God to pray for them to get the Holy Ghost soon. We are members of the Church of God at Rock Hill and don't get to go often. The enemy opposes us so much. We are looking to God to open the way to break the ice this summer.

Brother W.H. Cross is our shep-

herd, and we are so thankful to God for such a wonderful man. May the Lord continue to bless and undertake for him and supply every need.

Your sister under the precious blood of Jesus, awaiting His coming,

Sallie Barber.

Copy of Letter

Perry, Fla.,

Apr. 9, 1920.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name: I am sending a message that was written under the power. When the saints read it, they wanted me send it to the Evangel. This was one of the number that was written amidst the shouting, dancing, handling fire and falling under the mighty power of God, in one of our prayer meetings near Bronson, Fla.

G. W. Peeples.

O My children, children dear,
Those who strive My will to do,
Listen closely and you'll hear,
Otherwise you'll fail to know.

Come, My children, bow before Me,
Meek and humble, sweet and low;
Ere your love is broken from Me,
And your trouble on you grow.

Come, dear children, take My counsel
And prepare My will to do;
For I'll teach you by My counsel,
Great and noble things to do.

See poor sinners stumbling, falling,
To the pits of awful flame;
Hear their shrieks, their cries, their
sawing,
Calling on the Savior's name.

Clad yourself and take the armour,
For this work is left to you;
Bow before me, get the power,
And begin great things to do.

Strive My counsel to establish,
And My doctrine to uphold;
Eun! all evil, it's appearance,
Purge it from the precious fold.

Division, strife and all envy
Tend to sap your soul away;
Thus in weakness they will render,
You unfit for work today.

See the work that lies before you,
As My promise long ago;
Heal the sick who will adore you,
To them My love and counsel show.

Raise the dead and cast out devils,
For they're standing in the way;
Everything that causes stumbling,
You should move out of the way.

There are souls of precious people,
Watching you to find the way;
If you falter, they will stumble,
And will miss eternal day.

Search My Word and search it deep-
ly,
For the deep things of My ways,
Are the precious truths kept hidden,
From the world for many days.

They will now be sorely needed,
For the time has come at last,
To unfold this generation,
The great things of long since past.

Dig down deep, secure the doctrine,
Sound and firm on which to stand;
Others all will slide and crumble,
For they're built on naked sand.

Now, My children, list My counsel,
And prepare your hearts aright;
For you'll have to represent Me,
To this people of the night.

See they're watching, closely watch-
ing,
But My face they cannot see;
Lest in you they get the vision
Of the blest eternity.

O, I'm longing, how I'm longing,
Again among your sons to dwell;
And I'm waiting, only waiting,
For your sons Me thus to tell.

Band yourselves in loving council,
Brace each other in the way,
Lift Me up thus by your counsel,
I will draw them in the way.

Now, dear children, heed this mes-
sage,
Don't forget the words I say,
Strive to put them all in practice,
There is none to throw away.

(Written by Sister Vada Chesser
while under the power Mar. 27, 1920)

Copy of Letter

c/o Y. M. C. A. 161 P—Colon,
Buenos Aires, Arg., S. A.
Mr. A. J. Tomlinson,
Dear Brother in Christ:
At present we are glad to say

that the Lord is keeping us saved and blessed with many spiritual blessings.

There has been some increase this month, a new family is attending the meetings. I think the mother will accept the Lord soon. She likes the gospel and wants to be a Christian.

We have many things against us in the work. When the weather is good, the people use the time to work, and when the weather is so they can't work, they think it is also too bad to come to the meetings. So it is those who are deeply interested in religious matters that attend. There are so many thieves that the people are afraid to leave their homes. There are many other things I could mention but as Nehemiah said, "We are making prayers to God, and we know He hears them."

I have given out many tracts and other literature, and sold a few Testaments this month. We visited a new village where the gospel has never been preached, and found many honest hearted people who desire that we return and spend more time with them, explaining the things concerning the Kingdom of God. We left tracts and other literature so they can be receiving the light in that way. We desire to return as soon as possible.

Oh, how we need more help and means to enlarge the work that is started. We know that God is hearing our humble cries, and will grant us the things that we need.

The Evangel continues to come to give us the good news from the home land. I received the bundle of tracts a few days ago and I will try to place them where the Lord can use them. I can use a bundle of Evangelists once a month.

I beg to remain as ever,
Yours in the Master's service,
F. L. Ryder.

"Rise up, My Love, My Fair One,
and Come Away." S. of Sol. 2:10

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All The Saints Scattered Throughout All The Regions of Christendom— Loving Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Praise God for the unspeakable gift of His love—Jesus and this wonderful salvation that reaches even me. This beautiful morning finds me saved to the moment, the blood by faith, atoning and cleansing, and the Holy Ghost abiding in a cleansed temple, speaking, guiding and teaching. Praise our God forever!

The next dearest possession I have is a little place in the dear old Church of God. Hallelujah! "I love Thy Church, O God, Her walls before Thee stand; Dear as the apple of Thine eye, Engraven on Thy hand."

How I longed, hunted and prayed for her ten long years and thought (because I was told) that I would never find such a church till Jesus came and separated tares and wheat. But, thank God, Jesus gave Himself for the church, shed His blood for her redemption, ascended to glory and besought the Father for the crowning jewel—ornament, even the blessed Holy Ghost—the capstone of salvation.

O, how I love His church, the signs following and convincing. I prayed ten long years for the restoration of the gifts, knowing the world must hear, see and realize something in the church entirely different from the common-place world, to convince it of sin, righteousness and the judgment.

Being shut in today, resting from labors (not more abundant, would they were), asked Father what I must do for His glory and the advancement of His cause, He whispered so lovingly, "Write a little letter to the Evangel." Long since I took for my slogan—

"Count that day lost,
Whose setting sun,
Views not some kind deed,
Some worthy action done."

Praise God for the sights and sounds and smells of spring, beautifully typifying our Lord's and thus our resurrection. Praise God for a land of perpetual green awaiting. Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of

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birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land, "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

How I love the Song of Solomon, a closed book till the Holy Ghost came and illuminated some of it. May we arise from knees bent in prayer long and importunate, come away from present attainments, and go bounding after our King, eager to know His will, ready for sacrifice or service as the oxen on the Persian coin—a halter around his neck, indicating readiness to work, and to the left an altar, inscribed underneath, "Sacrifice or service."

Come away from everything natural into the supernatural, denying everything fleshly, that the spiritual may abound more and more; become fools that we may become wise, and above all putting on charity—love, which is the bond of perfectness. If we neglect to carry aboard a good supply of love, it is like a man going fishing and leaving his lines, hooks, bait and net behind. No matter how perfect his other preparations may have been. Fish is his object and fish he must have or all is a failure.

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This is our paramount aim—to be fishers of the souls of dying men and women, boys and girls, and love is the bait that never fails to catch. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." It is His work, we must come where His ways can warm our hearts as we "must come where the blood can heal."

Conditions must be met, refraining from all hurtful, harmful indulgences. "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Love is the tenderest, most easily blighted plant in our heart's garden. A frosty breath of unkind criticism will blight and prove as disastrous as leaving open your hot-house door on a winter's night. Love is the choicest, rarest of all flowers because it is God. O, glory!

We let our foolish tongues run away and talk, talk, talk, maybe about good things—how much more blighting and injuring things not good and the plant which the blessed Holy Ghost has been watering and tending with so much care, lies wilted and dying. How quickly we must hasten to repent and water with our tears if it die not.

O, perfect love, priceless boon, heaven's coin of exchange, how I long to have thee perfected in my poor, never dying soul. Love never faileth."

We don't learn this in books but through a crucified Savior. Bless His dear name forever!

I never go through the woods, and see an old empty locust (July fly) split up the back where he out-grew himself, burst his hull and flew away to a bigger, wider life and experience, that I don't cry, Lord, let me burst the cords binding my narrow, puny soul and emerge into a bigger, wider, deeper, more lovable unselfish self than I have ever known."

Dwell deep! my soul, dwell deep!! Storms are coming and you'll be uprooted, you little shallow top-surface thing you. Pray for me, saints, I want to abide deep in the love of my Lord.

Yours under the blood, loving His appearing,
Sister Mary Rouse,
Blythe, Ga., R. 3,

